

## SESSION 6

# Key Lessons from Conservation Trust Funds



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# Introduction to Conservation Trust Funds and the Coral Triangle Conservation Fund

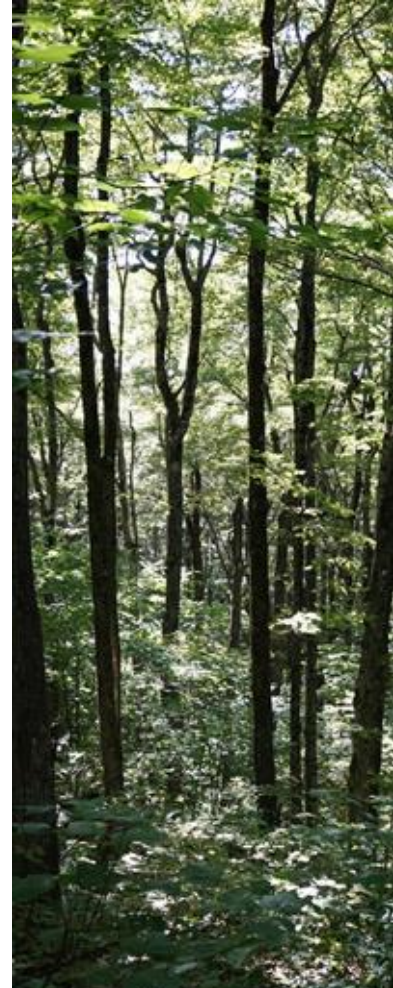


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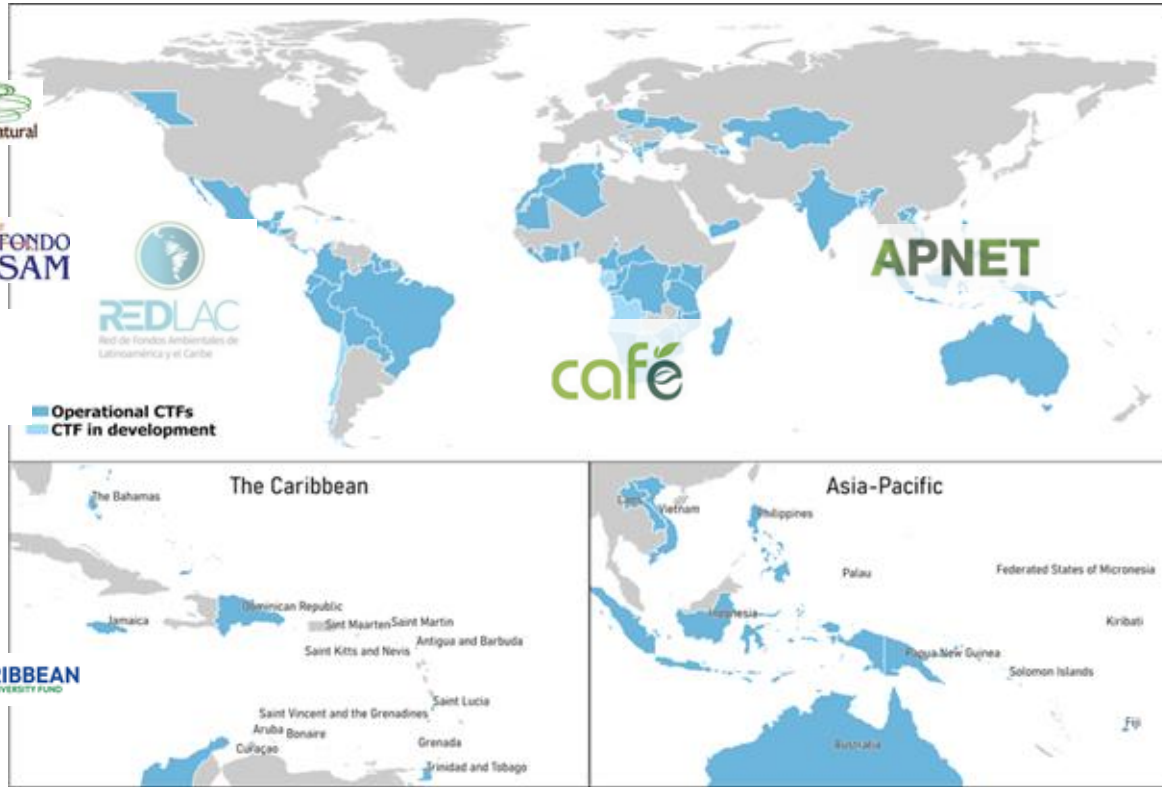


# Conservation Trust Funds

- **Private, legally independent institutions** that provide sustainable funding for biodiversity conservation, climate change adaptation and sustainable development
- They are primarily **grant-making institutions** funding protected area management, research, capacity building, sustainable development, and climate adaptation and similar programs
- They work in partnership with governments, civil society organizations, local/indigenous communities and the private sector



# Global “Family” of CTFs



FUNBIO



Patrimonio Natural



Profonampe



FONDO SAM



REDLAC  
Red de Fondos Ambientales de  
Latinoamérica y el Caribe



FUNDOVAP

Operational CTFs  
CTF in development



FONDO MEXICANO  
PARA LA CONSERVACIÓN  
DE LA NATURALEZA, A.C.  
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Fondo Acción



ASOCIACION  
COSTA RICA  
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FONDO DE INICIATIVA  
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PAPUA NEW GUINEA



MICRONESIA  
CONSERVATION TRUST



Philippine Tropical Forest  
Conservation Foundation  
Let's give together!



Bhutan Trust Fund  
for Environmental Conservation



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Partnering Partnerships for the Environment



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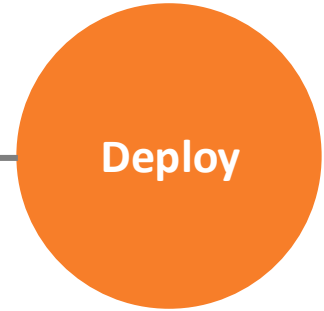
# CTF Principal Activities



**Donors, Debt conversion, fees, taxes government budgets, licenses, etc.**



**Balanced portfolio, risk tolerance, buffer for changes, diversify holdings, etc.**



**Mission (Charter), Strategy plans, cost effectiveness, impact reporting.**



# Types of Program Funds

**Endowment**

Goal is to maintain and grow “corpus” (or body) of capital and only spend investment “profits”

**Sinking**

Spend down corpus and profits over fixed time period – i.e. 10 years or 20 years.

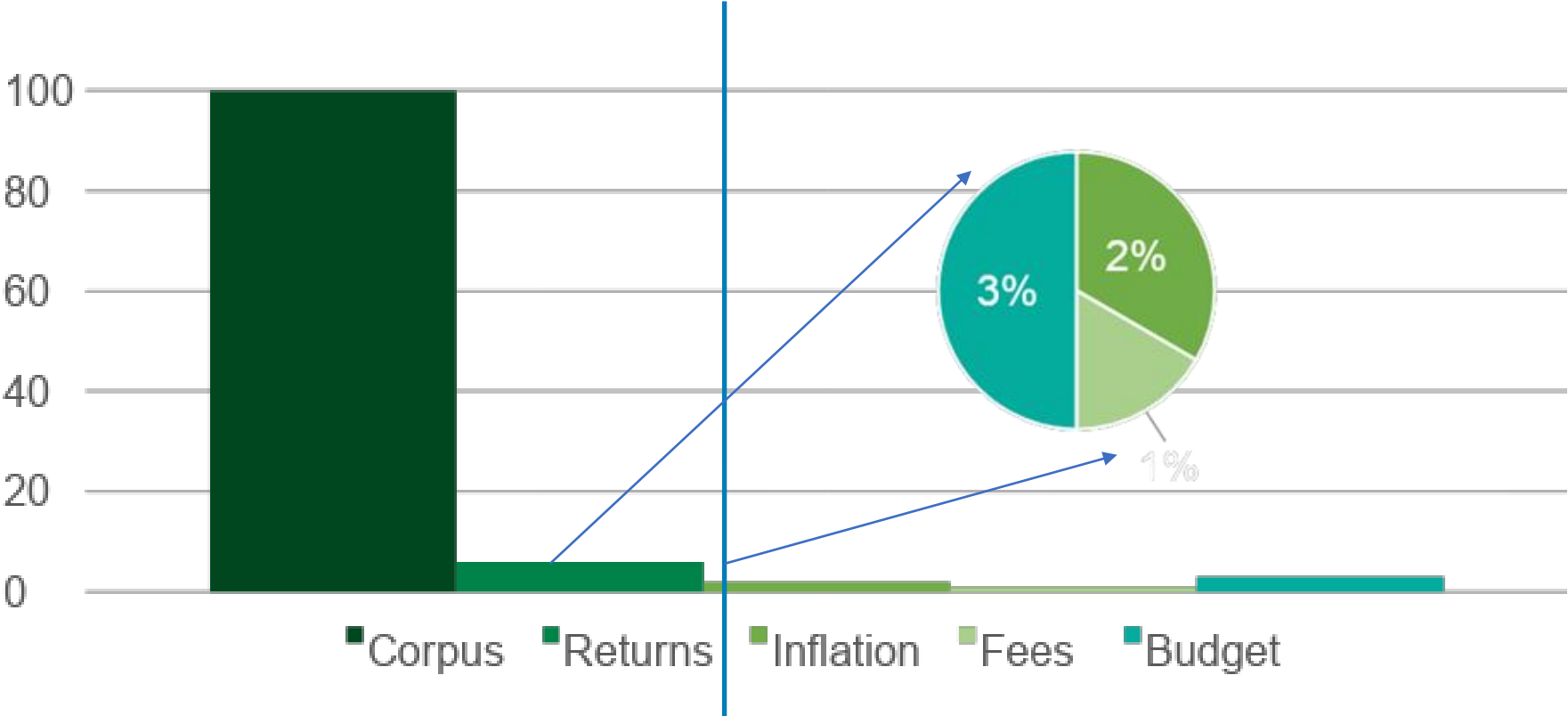
**Revolving**

Repeating or continuous source of fund replenishment. CTF can be used as a buffering tool

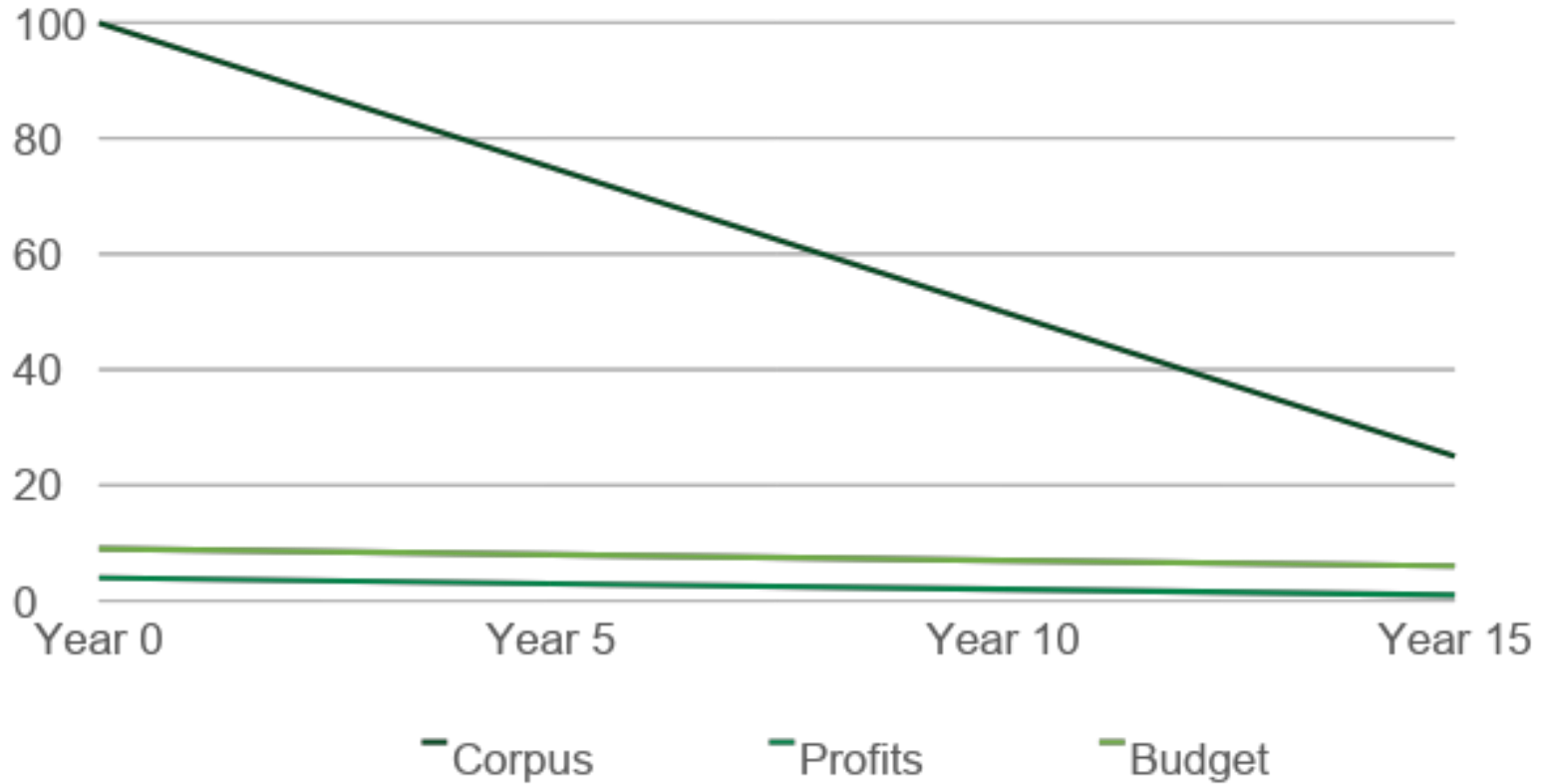
**Pass through**

CTF is used as a vehicle for grant management and transparency

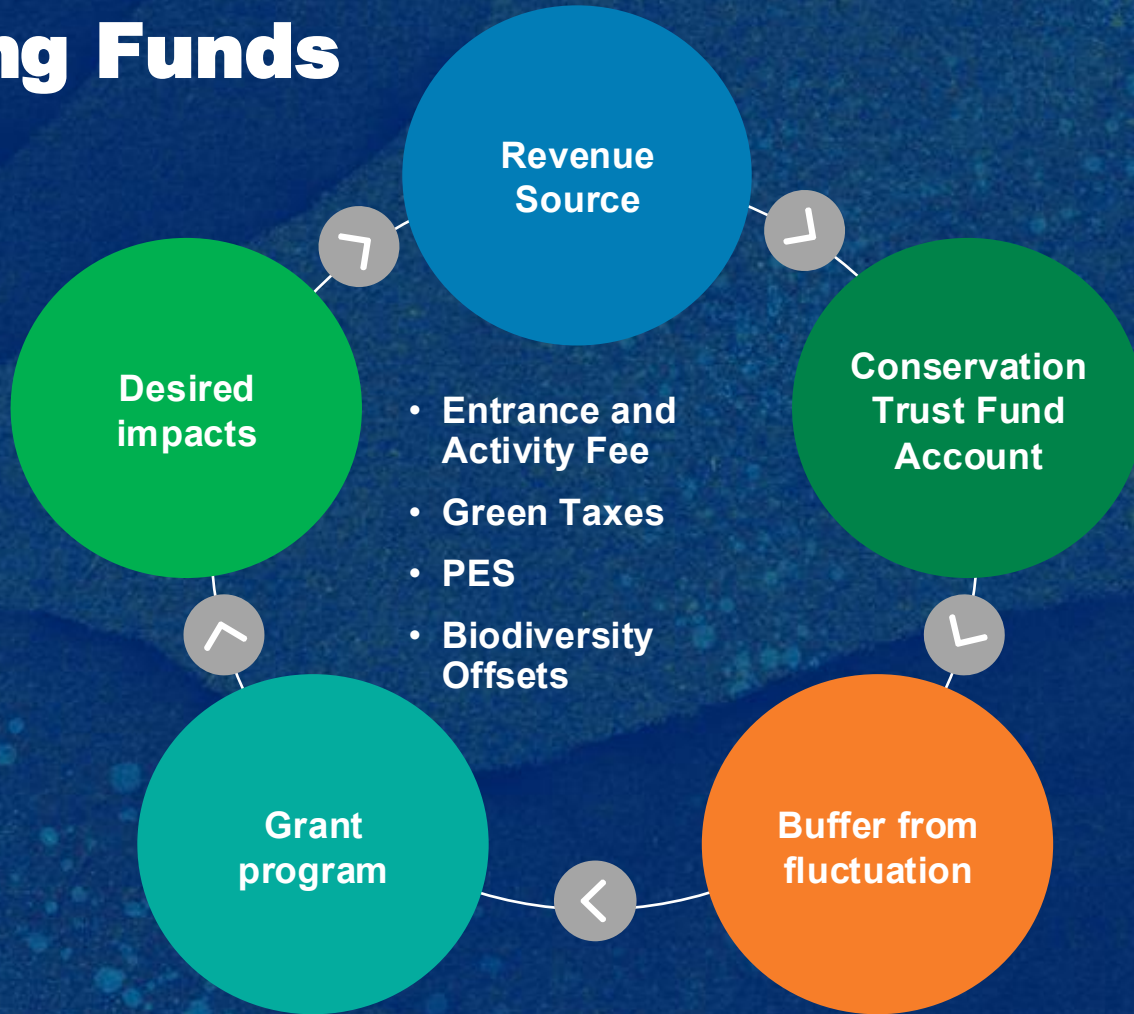
# Endowments



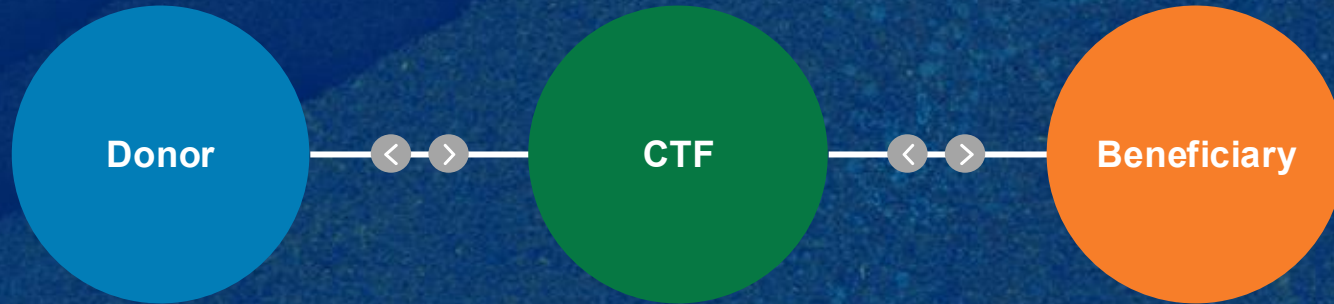
# Sinking Fund



# Revolving Funds



# Pass Through – Project Funds



## **Benefits:**

- **Lower Transaction Costs for Donor - Allows smaller grant sizes**
- **Local knowledge and tracking**
- **Compatible with national and local priorities**
- **Transparency built into CTF Design**

# Key Resources from the Conservation Finance Alliance

- [Practice Standards for CTFs](#) – 2014, 2020
- [Conservation Trust Funds 2020: Global Vision, Local Action](#) – a ten-year review of CTFs
- [Conservation Trust Investment Survey \(CTIS\)](#) ongoing for over a decade
- [Environmental Funds Working Group](#)
- [Environmental Funds Toolkit](#)
- Investment Management and other Workshops

# 2020 PRACTICE STANDARDS FOR CONSERVATION TRUST FUNDS

2020 Update by Paquita Bath, Viviana Luján Gallegos, and  
Amílcar Guzmán Valladares

Original 2014 Edition by Barry Speigel and Kathleen Miktin



# CONSERVATION TRUST FUNDS 2020 GLOBAL VISION LOCAL ACTION

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Viviana Luján-Gallegos and Kary Mathias



# Coral Triangle Conservation Fund

For Resilient Oceans  
and Communities





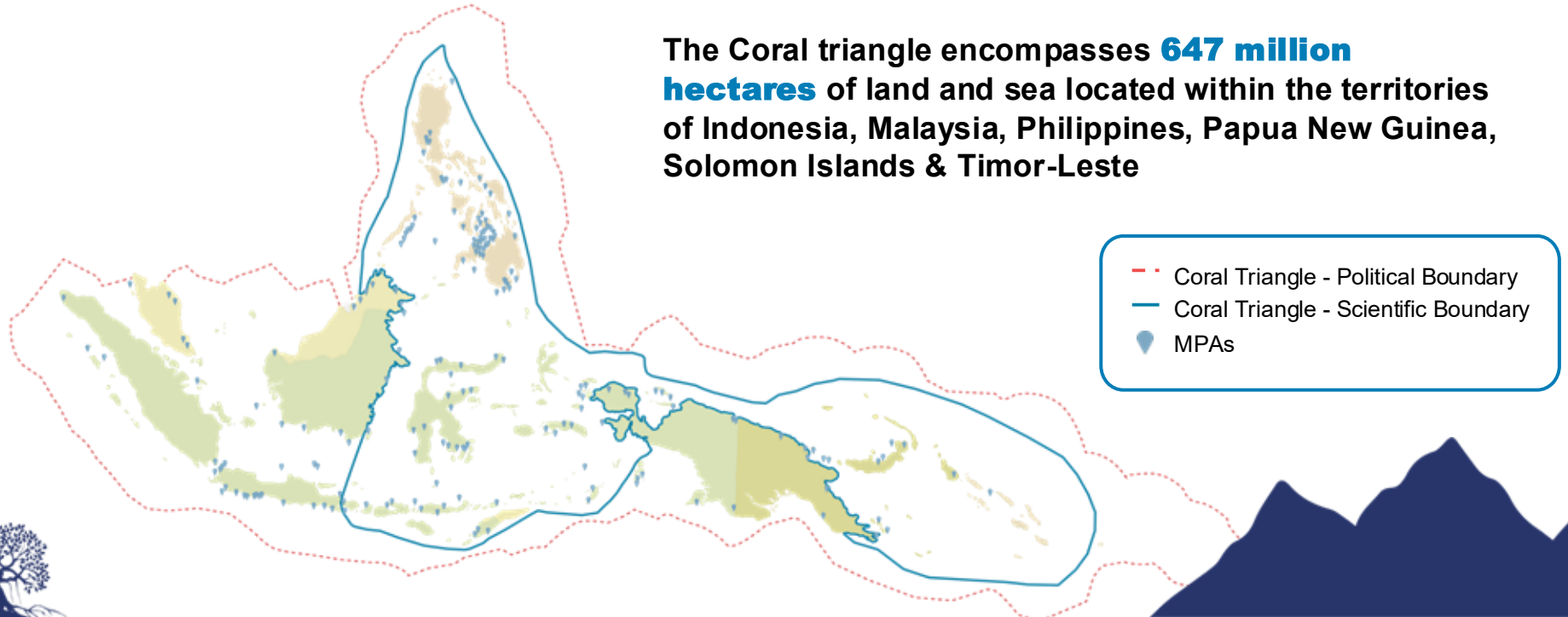
## **Mission Statement**

**Priority Marine Protected and Conserved Areas (MPCAs) in the Coral Triangle will be effective, climate resilient, and sustainable while benefiting nature and communities.**



# Unparalleled Ecological Treasure

The Coral triangle encompasses **647 million hectares** of land and sea located within the territories of Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands & Timor-Leste



# Unparalleled Values



## Globally Important Carbon Sink

- Global hotspot for blue carbon ecosystems
- 45% of the world's mangrove associated carbon
- >30% of the world's seagrass associated carbon



## World's Epicentre of Marine Biodiversity

- Coral Triangle is home to 75% of known coral species in the world
- 600 species of reef-building corals
- 3,000 species of reef fish



## World's Epicentre of Marine Biodiversity

- Coral Triangle marine resources directly support the livelihoods of over 120 million people
- 2.8 million small scale fishers depend on Coral Triangle reefs, which are nurseries for regional fisheries



## Nursery of the seas

- 35% of global coral area
- Of the world's 50 most resilient reefs, 35% are located in the Coral Triangle
- Has the ability to repopulate neighboring reefs in the face of climate change



## Economic Benefits

- Marine habitats of the Coral Triangle contribute a minimum of US\$2.3 billion each year towards the economies of the region
- Including at least US\$5.7 billion US from tourism alone



## Coastal Protection

- 26 million people in the Coral Triangle are protected by reefs

# Programming Priorities

CTCF is designed to support certain components of CTI-CFF's Regional Plan of Action 2.0 and the Coral Triangle countries in their 30 x 30 ambitions.

With a focus on current or planned marine protected and conserved areas in Coral Triangle priority seascapes, the CTCF will direct financing to multi-year, transboundary conservation efforts.

## PROTECT



### Outcome 1

Network of Marine Protected and Conserved Areas (MPCAs) is expanded and effectively managed.

## RECOVER



### Outcome 2

Resilience of MPCA ecosystems to bleaching and other threats is improved.

## TRANSFORM



### Outcome 3

Governments, civil society, private actors, indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs), and other actors have a sustainable economic relationship with the marine and coastal ecosystems.

# 8 Reasons to Support the CTCF

1



**Safeguarding the world's epicentre of marine biodiversity**

2



**Supporting 30 x 30**

3



**Transboundary impact**

4



**Intergovernmental collaboration across six nations with CTI-CFF**

5



**Bolstering finance options for IPs, LCs, local NGOs, municipalities, and more.**

6



**An independent, transparent Trust Fund**

7



**Engagement through membership on the CTCF Board**

8



**Robust safeguards and impact monitoring**